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Cultural differences surprise Khomenkos



PROVIDING ADDED INSIGHT—Olga and Alexander Khomenko contribute to the discussion of the Wartburg Philosophical Society. The group discussed modern Russian literature at The Other Place II Friday afternoon. The Khomenkos visited Wartburg last week as part of the Iowa Peace Institute's exchange with the USSR. Craig Gustafson photo.

by BILL SHEA

"I always lived in a big city and now here I am in Iowa. This really surprises me; I thought everyone lived in big cities."

Those sound like the words of a Brooklyn native who has suddenly found himself in the middle of rural America, but they are the words Soviet scholar Alexander Khomenko used to describe his reaction to coming to America.

Khomenko, along with his wife Olga and their 4-year-old daughter, Xenia, visited Wartburg last week. Alexander and Olga are Russian language teachers who were selected by the USSR-USA Society to spend a year in the American Midwest as a part of the Iowa Peace Institute.

They spend much of their time teaching at Grinnell College, but they do travel and visit other schools. Last week's visit to Wartburg was one such trip.

During their visit, the Khomenkos gave Wartburg students a taste of what life is like in Russia. Back home

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in the USSR, they teach Russian to foreign students at People's Friendship University in Moscow, their alma mater.

"People's Friendship University is mainly for students from developing countries in Latin America, Asia and Africa," Olga explained. "A few Russians are also admitted to balance things and help the foreign students adjust to life in Russia."

Before entering college Alexander worked as a miner and served for two years in the Soviet Army.

"I really didn't want to go," he said, "but military service is required of all young men."

The Khomenkos share some of the same concerns about the world that Americans have. Alexander mentioned over-crowded cities and air pollution as two problems Russians are worried about. However crime is one problem they are not worried about.

"We have the same kinds of crimes, but not as many," Olga said. "We are not afraid to walk at night or let our children play outside alone."

Differences between life in the United States and the Soviet Union were also made apparent by the Khomenkos.

"Here we live in a house," Olga said. "Back home very few people live in houses."

Alexander is intrigued by the fact that Americans have so many cars. "Not many people in Russia have cars," he explained. "Here in Iowa everyone seems to have cars. They even let me drive here!"

Government control of prices is a fact of life in the Soviet Union. The central government keeps tight control over the cost of consumer products, according to Alexander.

"They have the same product in the store for three years and they're not allowed to change the price. It's stupid!"

Olga added that sales are almost unheard of in Russia.

Since Premier Mikhail Gorbachev began the policy of "glasnost," or openness, the Khomenkos have seen some changes in their life.

"There's now more free time for students in the university," Olga said. "They used to have classes for six or seven hours a day."

They have also seen an influx of American products come to Russia.

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Placement report tops 98 percent for '88 grads

For the second consecutive year, the placement report at Wartburg topped 98 percent, according to a survey completed by the college's Career Development Center.

Within six and a half months of graduation, 98.6 percent of last year's class had either secured employment, was doing post-graduate study or had made a definite choice not to seek employment. That is an increase of a tenth of a percentage point over last year and is the highest ever recorded since the center started keeping such records.

These figures are based on responses from 276 of last year's 279 graduates. Three people could not be located.

"The high placement of our students in graduate schools and jobs is a statement about the quality of the students themselves and also the quality of education at Wartburg," President Robert Vogel said.

David Baumgartner, director of the Career Development Center, said he felt that in addition to the

high placement figure, there are two other significant findings that come from an additional questionnaire to which 53 percent of the graduates responded.

"The most important finding, so far as I am concerned, is that 91 percent said they were satisfied with their present position," he said. "The second is 78 percent indicated their positions are directly related to their preparation at Wartburg and another 15 percent said their jobs were indirectly related. I think those are good signs."

Baumgartner said he was particularly encouraged by this report because the 1988 class was larger than the 1987 class by 19 students.

Also significant is the fact that increasing numbers of students are finding employment in Iowa, an indication of an improving economy, he said. Totally 54 percent located in Iowa. This includes 65 percent of those who went into education (10 percent more than last year). Some 63 percent of the students from Iowa were able to remain in their home state.

Baumgartner credited the college's career education program with its success in placing graduates.

"We do a good job of teaching students how to look for a job, how to write letters and resumes and how to prepare for interviews," he said. "I am most proud of our peer counselor system, which is distinctive in Iowa. It plays a major role in our program."

The peer counselor system involves eight students trained to assist fellow students prepare for the job search, in many cases beginning in the freshman year.

A new resource that was established by Baumgartner last year is the Resume Referral Program, in which he has enrolled approximately 45 companies. He said he felt it had an impact on this year's placement figures.

A total of 160 graduates found employment in business, industry or social science positions. Some 48 are in education, and 58 are continuing their education. Two graduates elected not to seek employment at this time, and four international students returned to their home countries.

Communication Arts Center plans near completion

by JILL BOWDEN

Plans for the future Communication Arts Center are in the process of being finalized, according to Provost Ed Welch.

Some preliminary plans for the conversion of the current music building into the communication center have been drafted, but are still subject to change at the request of department chairpersons and others involved in the decision making process.

"We hope to have finalized plans at a sufficient level of clarity so it is easier to talk to friends of the college about it," Welch said.

The construction schedule of the building depends largely on whether the college has the monetary resources to support the project, according to Welch.

"If we are able to do what we hoped to a year ago, then the Communication Arts Center will hopefully be ready by Winter Term 1991," Welch said.

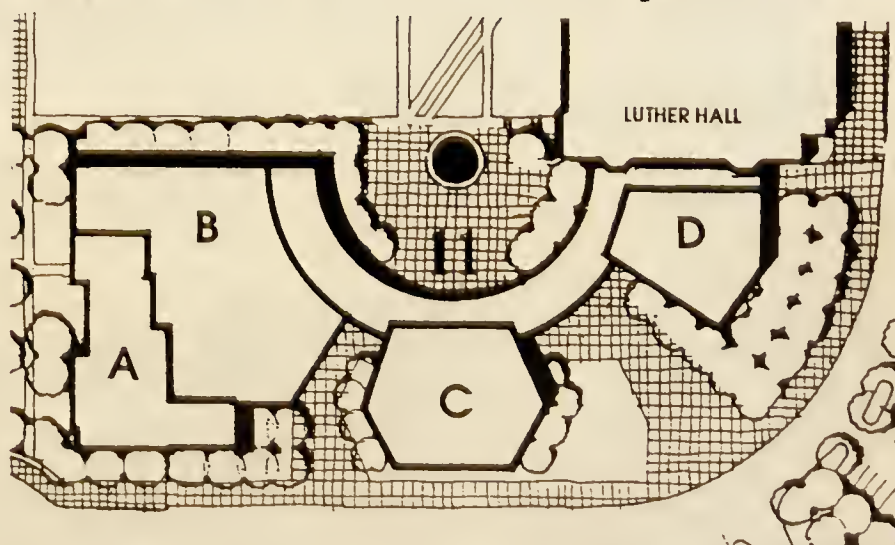
According to current plans, the new and remodeled building will house the Communication Arts, Art and Music Departments. Apart from centralizing the Communication Arts Department, Welch

said the concept is to also have separate rooms for the band, choir and orchestra. It also includes enlarging the Art Department by approximately 330 square feet.

The current sketches for the entire building call for 15 studio rooms to be offices and teaching areas for faculty members; 20 small and three large music practice rooms; three art studios; six classrooms and two seminar rooms.

The building is to be constructed so that at some future date it may be connected to Luther Hall, by way of a walkway system. The future vision, according to Welch, is to have a semi-circular walkway that extends from Luther Hall, passes through a proposed theater, continues through a chapel that has been tentatively planned to be built opposite the campus from Old Main, and finally ends at the Communication Arts Center.

The proposed building projects and future vision are part of the Decade of Opportunity decided upon by the college community and the Board of Regents. The Board agreed at their fall meeting to place these building projects on the five-year plan.



VISION OF THE FUTURE—Above is a preliminary sketch of the campus at the conclusion of the Decade of Opportunity. According to Provost Ed Welch, Liemohn Hall of Music (A) is to be remodeled for the Communication Arts Center, while an addition (B) is to be built for the Music and Art Departments. A chapel (C) is to be located across the campus from Old Main. Also planned is the building of a Theater (D). Eventually it is hoped all these buildings will be connected by a sky walk.

from the editor's desk—

Kiddie college: the education of dedication

Times change.

When a child gets excited about becoming a concert pianist, star baseball player or fort builder, most adults offer encouragement for their drive and enthusiasm.

When a few days, weeks or months later that child is no longer practicing the piano, no longer throwing the ball and the fort is just the shell of some boards, the older generation smiles at the fickle impulses of youth and the way projects are left unfinished.

All of us have a closet full of unfinished projects. They represent dreams and expectations that changed as we grew up.

And we have grown up.

With grown-up life comes responsibility. The expectations we must now live up to are those given to us by the "real world." Once we begin a task and tell someone that it will be finished, it is expected that it will be finished.

This still seems to be a little elementary, doesn't it? However, a number of us at Wartburg seem to have a hard time dealing with the reality of responsibility and commitment.

This was illustrated by the recent turnovers in the Student Senate. Four individuals resigned from positions which they campaigned for and were elected to. One even stated she knew during the election that she would have to resign when her term was only half finished.

These individuals have placed their level of dedication and reputation in serious jeopardy with the campus community. How can their word be relied upon in the future?

This lack of dedication has become apparent on campus in other areas as well. It's become very difficult to depend on anyone keeping his word.

College years are a training ground for a professional life later on. When graduation day arrives we must all be ready to "face the real world."

No longer will adults smile at our impulses and unfinished projects. The more likely response is a demotion or even a firing. It's a lesson we should learn now.

It is very irresponsible to leave a project unfinished. It is even more irresponsible and unprofessional to begin a project that one knows will be left unfinished.

If found to be in a position where we are over our heads, it is the professional thing to give plenty of notice to those whom you have pledged your energies. It is not fair to anyone to simply walk out.

Even when disappointed with the results, we must persevere, because when we disappoint others, we disappoint ourselves even more!

Pastor offers counsel to old friend: Al Cohol

"But Pastor," he pleaded, "you've got to help me. They have no right to kick me off campus. What have I done to deserve this?"

"Oh get off it, Al," I countered. "You've had your chances. It's hard to have much sympathy for you. Think of all the pain you've brought to students and ex-students over the years. Frankly, you don't belong on campus. Now it's illegal for most of our students to be caught with you."

It had been two years since I'd last talked to him. Then it was I who had looked him up. But here HE was, in MY office. I never thought I'd see the day when Al Cohol would come to me, his campus pastor. I put on my best professional tone.

Pastor's Ponderings

by Larry Trachte



"Sorry I was so abrupt with you, Al. I guess even you deserve a hearing."

"Pastor T, they're sticking me with a bum rap again. They're saying I was the one who was behind the destruction of the Christmas display, that I tipped over that car, bashed in the squad car, got all those athletes in trouble. They're even blaming me for a good share of the students who aren't back on campus this term."

"I guess I have heard those rumors, and more. I'm sorry your feelings are hurt, but Al, you know we have nothing against you personally. As I've said before, it's the company you keep. Why do you hang around with

those destructive types? On second thought, why do they hang around with you?"

"OK, OK, so I haven't always kept the best company in the past. But give me a chance—I've turned over a new leaf. It's a new year, ya know. So I've made a couple mistakes in judgment. Is that any reason to be thrown off campus like a common criminal?"

"Well, I have to admit, Al, the idea of having you off campus is kind of appealing to me, given all the problems you've caused over the years. With you gone I might even have time to clean my office."

"Oh, get off it, Pastor T. Problems will still be here, with or without me. Students just take me along for the ride. I'm just their excuse for irresponsible sex, violence, poor study habits, self-destructive behavior. . . you name it. You don't really think that getting me off campus would solve all those problems, do you?"

"Now you're sounding like the NRA, Al. They seem to think people would still kill without all those machine guns and assault rifles. They may be right, but living without them for a while just might be worth a try. If only one life were saved it would be worth it. And with you out of the way, students would at least know that what they were doing was destructive."

"So then you're on their side, ready to give me the boot?"

"Oh no, Al. You're always welcome on the altar Sunday morning. And you've heard me say before I'd rather have you in the Castle Room than in the dorms. A sip of wine with a candlelight dinner, why not? It might even be educational. It might prove that having you around doesn't necessarily have to turn folks into animals. After all, wine is a gift to gladden the hearts of men (and women)—says so in THE BIBLE."

"You mean THE BIBLE is on my side?"

"Well, not totally. There are a few other places that aren't quite so complimentary."

"Oh, ya? Name one."

"Thou shalt not kill."

Mock Interview Day: Enter at your own risk

When mock interviews on campus get out of control:

"Good morning, welcome to Wartburg College's Mock Interview Day. All you education majors wishing to participate please wait here. You'll enter the interview room one-by-one. Good luck. All right, who's first?"

"I guess I am. (Enters the room) Hello, my name is Pam Smith."

"Hello. Please sit in that chair. That is, if you can. You're not the thinnest person I've ever seen."

"Pardon me?"

"You have a hearing problem, too? You'll probably want to get that checked soon. There might be globs of ear wax oozing around down there."

"You people are very rude."

"Hey, if we were supposed to be nice we'd call this a Nice Interview. This is a Mock Interview."

"Well, I still think this will be a good experience for me. I'm ready to start."

"O.K., let's say you were teaching third grade and one of your students started beating up little kids wearing glasses during recess. What would you do?"

"I would keep the student after school for detention and alert the principal and his parents."

"That's really a stupid answer. No, that goes beyond stupidity. Have you had a lobotomy within the past calendar year?"

"Absolutely not!"

"Don't get upset, interviewers don't appreciate that. By the way, I couldn't help noticing that you have yellow teeth. Do you brush with tartar control gel?"

(Near tears) "What kind of interview is this?"

"Mock."

"Please. . . please. . . just continue."

"O.K., let's say a student comes up to you and comments about your extremely noticeable dandruff problem. What do you do?"

"I gently remind him that it's not polite to point out another person's shortcoming, and that he should just ignore it."

What in the World...

by Tim Pearson



"But you must admit, Ms. Smith, that yours is not a normal problem. Your shoulders look like ski slopes." (Crying) "Anything else?"

"Well, you do have some rather prominent nose hairs."

(She runs out of the room. An administrator enters.)

"Well, there's no one else out there now, so I guess your day is over. Thank you very much for making Mock Interview Day a success."

"It was my pleasure."

Publications appreciate help of faculty with weekend crisis

The staffs of the Fortress and the Trumpet would like to extend sincere thanks to a number of the Wartburg computer science faculty and staff who helped the publications overcome what could have become a major tragedy.

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Night's sleep robbed by old senile man

by DAVE KURTZ

I just spent a whole night staring at a blank piece of paper trying to be spontaneously witty. By the end of the night I hadn't fooled anyone, including my sheet of paper—it was still blank. It's kind of depressing to work for a whole night and have only the dust that settled on the paper to show for the effort.

I have this comic on my desk making a crack about having something worse than "writer's block," namely, "brain cramp." I didn't find it as funny that night as I had the day I had cut it out from the paper.

I don't know why my brain always kicks in at a quarter to three in the morning, it just does. The other night it went something like this:

Sleepsleepsleepsleep (time changes to 2:45)
sleepsleepsleep (old senile man in my head figures it's the start of the day.)
sleepsleepsleep (he flips the "on" switch to my brain; the subconscious coughs and whines, but starts to rev up nicely.)

Sleepsleepsortofsleep (senile man in my brain takes a not-quite-ripe "Idea" out and slips it upside down into my subconscious)
sleepsortof, grunt, roll over onto side (subconscious gnaws at the "Idea," rips off the best part and tosses it up into the consciousness)
sleepwakeupinstantly with this great IDEA, grope for pen and paper (consciousness is clumsy and lets the best part of the "Idea" roll out one ear)
pen and paper found, light turned on, blinded momentarily, roommate waking up mad. . .and that great "Idea" is. . .lost (old senile man in my brain congratulates himself on a job well done and shuts down the brain again.)

Well. Then I stand there like an idiot until my roommate throws things at me to get me to shut off the "(censored) light!"

Otherwise, of course, I know I would've had about the best idea the world has ever seen, and produced a Pulitzer Prize winning column. But I don't, and even though I'm still groping around my room for this escaped, half-baked "Idea," I'm sure it got out and is running loose around campus.

Perhaps you'll find it. If you think you might have it, write out a column. Do it even if you think you don't have my great "Idea," but you have someone else's. Write out an article and send it to me. If I think it's good enough I'll put my name on it and submit it to the Trumpet. Address it to:

Great Ideas for Dave!
Box 1231

Direct any additional comments or questions you may have to President Vogel's office and thanks for helping me get out of doing some work!

Glasnost brings heart of America to Soviet scene

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"We now have McDonald's and Pepsi-Cola in Moscow," Alexander noted. "We also see blue jeans and pizza restaurants around."

Olga noted that the American public has a much harsher view of Russians than Russians have of Americans.

"We saw 'Rambo' and were shocked," she said. "In all your books and movies Russians are shown as bad."

Alexander said that Russians rarely look upon Americans as villains. He noted that government censors have banned certain war movies in the past because they were afraid the films would stir up anti-American sentiment.

"We don't hate Americans," he concluded.



SOMETHING'S FISHY—Making an attempt at ice fishing is Junior Rick Ole. His success is doubtful, however, since he "drilled" his hole in the middle of Clinton field. Craig Gustafson photo.

letter

Student calls for action on alcohol policy

In view of the past alcohol-related problems encountered on and off campus, I feel that the Wartburg community needs to address the alcohol issue again.

When I say Wartburg community, I mean students. Sure, the administration can lay down the rules, but only the students can make them worthwhile by either obeying them outright or working with the administration to modify and improve them. It is naive to think that alcohol policy changes would be met without complaint, but students could be more responsible and receptive than what I have seen.

The past four years have brought a change from a somewhat lax alcohol policy to a fairly strict one in view of the newly established drinking age. The law cannot be changed. However it can (and has) been broken and this is where responsibility comes in: from administration and drinking establishments to uphold the law and from students to be accountable for their actions.

Students can take this whole thing and make some good of it. Those of age can go to bars, but underage students should realize that socializing does not revolve around drinking. I hope that this transition from present attitudes can take place. I think it's up to the students and tomorrow's upperclassmen to carry this through.

A good start might be for students to take advantage of what college organizations and events have to offer. For example, how many of us keep Joe's weekly schedule that is distributed with the Trumpet while throwing away a sheet put together by SAC (Student Activities Committee) promoting a concert, movie, or program? It's the student's choice, but I do not feel that Joe's fliers should be distributed with the Trumpet anyway since this publication does not sell ads for hard liquor. This may sound trivial, but it is a perfect example of keeping the fuel on the fire.

In the face of today's alcohol policy, shouldn't we, as students, take charge of dealing with this situation as the adults that we're supposed to be, rather than resorting to abhorrent disregard for the law?

Iris Vering
senior

Stereotypes, barriers broken by Soviet scholars

by BILL SHEA

Russians coming to Waverly!

The very words conjure up images of tanks rumbling down Bremer Avenue, MIG fighters strafing the PE Complex and Russian soldiers everywhere, mowing down innocent civilians with machine gun fire.

Needless to say, the thought of meeting Soviets on the Wartburg campus was not a pleasant one for me. I briefly considered finding an M-16 and a few grenades to take to the Tuesday morning presentation given by the dreaded Russians.

However when I first encountered "the Russians," I was pleasantly surprised. There were no goose-stepping, vodka-swilling brutes to be found, just a nice young couple and their child.

Alexander and Olga Khomenko were that couple. Although Alexander freely admitted to serving in the Soviet Army, I could easily forsee myself sitting down with him to crack open a couple of cold ones and watch a ball game.

His wife Olga was intelligent and attractive. She had nothing in common with the zombie-like creatures I had imagined Russian women to be. Their 4-year-old daughter Xenia stole the show, however, with her singing and chalkboard drawings.

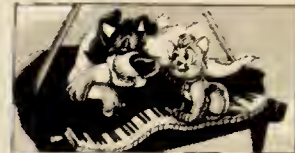
As I sat listening to them I couldn't help thinking, these are the big bad Russians? I may be mistaken but it seems to me that the Khomenkos, and perhaps all Russian people, are ordinary folks just like you and me. In fact they're probably more civilized than most Luther College students.

Still, our governments are engaged in a deadly staredown, waiting for the other side to step out of line and start a war. Kind of ridiculous, isn't it?

Perhaps it's time for both the American and Soviet governments to abandon their current rhetoric and realize that we are all one people who must share one planet. Maybe then we will have peace in the world.

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Chapel Schedule: Campus Pastor Larry Trachte will lead the chapel service Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 10:15 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium. Friday's senior chapel will be led by Melissa Wilbur at 10:15 a.m. in Buhr Lounge. Dr. Les Huth, associate professor of education, will lead chapel Monday, Feb. 6, in conjunction with Spiritual Emphasis Week.

Preparing for Marriage Class will have its third session tomorrow night at 6:30 in Centennial Lounge. The topic for the session will focus on personalities and communication. It will be led by Intern Pastor Susan Schubert. Both couples and singles are welcome to attend.

Good Grief, a support group for people suffering from a loss, will meet tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Centennial Complex Apartment. The group will be led by Intern Pastor Susan Schubert.

Added to the Dean's List is freshman Richard Anzek, according to the Provost's office. He joins 215 other students announced in last week's issue.

An Award of Excellence was given to Wartburg from District VI of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for its 1987-88 general catalog. The award was given at a special awards dinner during the CASE District VI Conference in Kansas City, MO, last week. There were 533 entries from 79 schools entered in this year's communications division.

Dr. Keith Cherryholmes, assistant director of the University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory in Iowa City, will address the Science Seminar Class at 6:15 p.m. tonight in Voecks Auditorium. His topic will be "One Time Testing of Iowa's Regulated Drinking Water Supply."

Tickets for 'Oedipus Rex,' the Greek tragedy by Sophocles, are now available at the Visitors Center desk. Performed by the National Shakespeare Company, reportedly America's foremost repertory company, "Oedipus Rex" is the fourth event in this year's Artist Series. The play will be presented Sunday, Feb. 12, at 8 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

Awareness of racism goal of new group

by ANGIE KILBURG

"We are living in a world in which racism is alive and well and that world includes the Wartburg community. This racism must be confronted," said senior Dave Tarleton.

Tarleton is a member of REACH, an organization against racism recently formed at Wartburg.

At its last meeting, the group decided it wanted to be called REACH. The members are to bring words to fit the acronym and they will be voted on at the next meeting.

The idea originated with Andy Newkirk, Clinton Hall director, and Charanne Parks, minority students advisor/admissions counselor. Their intent was to form a group called WOW (Wartburg Opportunity Week) to sponsor programs addressing racism, sexism, ageism and ableism.

According to Newkirk, the first meeting developed into the group trying to address the issue of racism.

The purpose of REACH is to create an awareness of racism and to educate the Wartburg community about the subject. In addition the group will try to promote an environment where racism is unacceptable.

Some group goals are to help others understand their prejudices, workshops and programs to increase the support of the administration for recruitment of black educators and to increase support for recruiting black students from Iowa.

In addition, the group plans to role-play situations about how to confront

racism among peers.

During the last meeting, Tarleton read several statistics concerning racism: one-half of all black children grow up under the poverty level; one-third of all blacks live under poverty level; the average income of black families is 58 percent of an average white family; and the dropout rate for blacks in inner-city high schools is greater than the graduation rate.

"Wartburg calls itself a liberal arts college, yet it is failing to live up to some of the inherent responsibilities in being a liberal arts college," Tarleton said. "The college still does not have a black professor.

"Not only is the school failing to live up to its responsibilities, but its commitment to these responsibilities appears to be faltering. This can be seen in a fairly sharp decline in the number of black Americans here at Wartburg in the last couple of years."

Six members of REACH's executive committee will meet with Provost Ed Welch on Feb. 15 to discuss getting black professors. They also plan to meet with Bob Nielson, director of admissions, to discuss recruiting more black students.

Members of the executive committee include Tarleton, juniors Godwin Ruhasha, Julie Muchmore, Erich Gauseb, Guenet DeGaffe, Tony Kent and Sonya Barnett, and sophomores Lynn Wilbur and Felecia Boone.

The next meeting of REACH is tomorrow morning at 9:45 in the Cultural Awareness house. The meetings are open to all interested persons.

"Going to Antioch is one way for all of us to further our understanding and to better deal with the issue of campus racism," Trachte said. "It will provide students with a black worship experience that is spirit-led which is quite different from our liturgical worship."

Trachte said all students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the 11 a.m. worship service. Transportation will leave Neumann Auditorium at 10 a.m. Because of the trip, there will be no worship service on campus.

Spiritual Emphasis Week honors 'Ordinary People'

by BRENDA THOMPSON

What do a Christian rock band, the ELCA, and Doris Cottam's chili have in common? They will all be part of Spiritual Emphasis Week, Feb. 5-11.

The purpose of the week is to give the Wartburg community an opportunity to share in fellowship and grow in faith, according to Heidi Bowyer, senior coordinator of the Spiritual Emphasis Week committee. The theme of the week is "Ordinary People, Extraordinary Call." The week has something special planned for each day of the week.

The week begins with a special Sunday Worship. Wartburg alumni Lori (Schwartz) Edward, Russ Leeper, Bill Sladek and Ray Blank will speak on the extraordinary way Wartburg graduates can and have answered their call.

A free chili supper begins that evening at 5 p.m. in Buhr Lounge. Entertainment will be provided by Nancy Plank, a professional actress and Wartburg alumnus. Plank will present a dramatical series based on biblical women that has received much acclaim.

Monday, Dr. Leslie Huth, chair of the education department, will speak on the theme during chapel in Neumann Auditorium at 10:15 a.m.

Fighter, a Christian Rock band from Cedar Falls, performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Neumann Auditorium. The concert is co-sponsored by SAC.

Bishop Herbert Chilstrom will lead the campus community in an Ash Wednesday service at 10 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium. A reception honoring the Bishop will follow in Buhr Lounge.

Thursday's convocation is also tied into Spiritual Emphasis Week. Bill Diehl, author of "Thank God It's Monday," will talk about maintaining an active faith in the business world at 9:30 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

A special night of fun and fellowship is planned for Friday evening. Movies, games and snacks will be provided for all in attendance at 8 p.m. in the East Room.

An opportunity to answer the "extraordinary call" with ordinary service presents itself Saturday as Spiritual Emphasis Week draws to a close. The Catholic Workers House in Waterloo needs help with maintenance and the cooking and serving of meals. A van leaves at 2 p.m. from the Maintenance Building parking lot for all who would wish to volunteer their services.

Panel discussion concurs: marriage constant adjusting

by SHERI WEARDA

"It never stops. From the day we were married we've been adjusting," said Glenn Haupt a panel member discussing marriage and adjusting to each other with the pre-marriage class Tuesday evening in Centennial Lounge. Besides Haupt, whose wife was unable to attend, the panel included married couples Mark Trax and Ann Henninger; Terry and Lois Lindell and Andy and Deeandrea Katko-Roquet.

During the informal discussion, which allowed students to ask questions of the couples, it was mentioned that often it is the little things that are more bothersome than the big things. Henninger related a humorous story of how moving a pan on the kitchen table began a marital argument.

The couples stressed that taking time to talk was an important aspect of marriage. It was pointed out that before marriage it is helpful to discuss how many children there will be, worship habits, where to live, whose career to pursue, and planning if the husband or wife, or both will attend school after marriage.

Topics relating to money were also discussed. The Katko-Roquets talked about having to decide whether to have one or two checking accounts while the Lindells shared stories of their struggles making ends meet while attending graduate school when they were first

married. Terry Lindell said, "I vowed when we had money I would never again eat generic white bread."

The importance of individuality was stressed throughout the evening. "When a couple is married, they become one but it is important to remember that as you go into a relationship as two individuals and grow as a couple," Henninger said.

Family was another topic that was addressed by the couples. Campus Pastor Larry Trachte, coordinator of the class said, "Family is precious to each of us."

The couples each commented about relationships with in-laws and other family members. Where and how to celebrate holidays was another topic discussed. To avoid conflicts, members of the panel suggested that communicating with extended families and dividing time equally are some solutions. It was also pointed out that distance and travel time between married couples and extended families is an influencing factor.

Marriage, the panel agreed, involves making many decisions and adjustments. Marriage brings ongoing changes. "You're never done adjusting," Trachte said.

The six-class series continues tomorrow night at 6:30 in Centennial Lounge with Intern Pastor Susan Schubert talking about personalities and communication.

Japanese exchange program offers cultural enrichment

by MARGARET EIBEN

"I was ignorant about other cultures and I wanted to know more," said Fumi Kanemori, a Japanese exchange student from International Christian University (ICU). "That's why I applied for the exchange program with Wartburg."

A presentation on Japan and the ICU exchange program is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room. Juniors Ross Roloff and Brian Sibley, past participants in the ICU program, along with Japanese students will share some of their experiences.

According to Dr. Kent Hawley, director of international programs, benefits of involvement in the program include traveling, taking an active part in a different culture and study in an international university.

"Students hesitate to apply because they are afraid of a culture that is so different from the U.S.," Hawley said. "They are concerned about high costs and the courses fitting in with their majors."

"ICU is one of the few universities you can go to without much knowledge of Japanese," Kanemori said. "Many of the courses are taught in English."

Though the cost of living in Tokyo is higher, American students can offset expenses by teaching English for \$35 to \$75 per hour.

Underclassmen interested in the program should be able to fit the year abroad into their schedules with advanced planning, according to Hawley.

Deadline to apply for the 1989-90 academic year is Feb. 14.

Bus to Antioch bridges religious gap

by BEV EIDE

As part of the celebration of Black History Month, a church worship service trip to Antioch Baptist Church in Waterloo is being planned for Sunday, Feb. 12, by the Campus Ministry Board.

According to the Rev. Larry Trachte, campus pastor and assistant professor of religion, the idea for the trip stemmed from a conference on racism that some of the board members attended during December in Atlanta, GA.

CPR classes to be offered

by BILL SHEA

Two classes, for the certification and recertification of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), will be offered on campus next month, according to Dr. Darold Wolff, chairman of the biology department.

The first class is a complete Basic Rescuer course. Wolff explained that this course is for those who have never taken CPR before and those whose certification expired before November 1988. The class begins Feb. 1 with two more sessions on Feb. 7 and Feb. 15. The sessions meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 116 in Becker Hall. There is a \$7 fee for the class.

The second class is a recertification program for those whose previous CPR card expired after November 1988. It will be held Feb. 4 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon in Room 116 of Becker Hall. Wolff said the mannequins will be available for practice before the class and all students are expected to be prepared before the class meets. There is a \$5 fee for this session.

Those wishing to participate in either class are asked to contact Wolff at 352-8397 or in Room 101 of Becker Hall.



A SIGN OF THE WEEKEND—Monstrous vans carrying Meistersingers arrived Saturday from all parts of the Midwest for the vocal festival. Craig Gustafson photo.

Election results given; new traveling chalice highlight Senate meeting

by PAM HOVEY

Results of last Monday's elections and a new tradition between Luther and Wartburg were among the items discussed at Tuesday's Student Senate meeting.

Student Body Vice President Kurt Wolfgram reported to the Senate the results of the elections. Obed Mensah was elected Senior Class President, and new senators are senior Jane Felderman representing Cliton Hall, and sophomore Lance Schoening representing the Residence. The new Freshman Representative will be announced at tomorrow's meeting.

A new tradition between Luther and Wartburg will soon be underway according to Junior Class President Mike Stok. A chalice that is to serve as the traveling trophy has been jointly purchased by the

Luther and Wartburg Student Senates.

The trophy will be awarded to the college with the most combined points of the women's and men's basketball games. It was agreed to combine the scores rather than make the award rest solely on the decision of either the women's or men's game.

Each school will have two chances to win the chalice during the year: once when they compete at each school. The first opportunity to claim the chalice will be this weekend when the Knights travel to Luther College in Decorah.

"I'm really excited that this has finally gotten off the ground," Stok said. "Hopefully both student bodies will share in my excitement and this will enhance the traditional rivalry between Luther and Wartburg."

Team leadership built through desert survival

by CHRIS HUMMEL

Team building and leadership development was the topic presented at the 12th leadership workshop Wednesday evening in the East Room. Roger Kueter of the University of Northern Iowa (UNI), was the guest speaker.

Kueter, coordinator of curriculum and instruction for the Department of Education at UNI, teaches undergraduate courses in media, communication, public relations, and leadership and change. Kueter also acts as a team building consultant to large corporations and agencies for program development.

Kueter used The Desert Survival Experience program to illustrate the need for communication and team strength among groups of people working together for a common cause.

The 25 participants were asked to decide individually which items they would choose for survival if stranded in the desert. When completed, they broke into groups of five and decided as a team which items to keep.

Some students were frustrated with the team work and frequently challenged the opinions of their co-workers, while others seemed to agree as a whole and work well together.

"Leaders are not born. They are made, but not overnight," Kueter said. He uses this program, created by Synergistic Decision Making, to help others develop leadership skills and explain how "quality thinking times acceptance equals effective decisions."

"I liked the way Mr. Kueter's decision making system incorporated the concepts of leaders and making important decisions," freshman Laura Olson said.

"The Desert Survival exercise added to the concept of decision making and leadership development," said sophomore Jessica Schmidt. "Working in groups made it more fun and interesting."

This workshop was 12 in a series of 18 directed by Beth Triplett, director of Student Activities and the Student Union. Power is the topic of Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m. in the East Room.

Adult Children of Alcoholics assisted through confidential support group

by KRISTY HOLST

A strict rule of confidentiality has allowed a support group for Adult Children of Alcoholics and other dysfunctional families to be formed on campus. This group is affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous of Waterloo.

Under the direction of senior Michelle Brainard, the group meets on Tuesday evenings at 10:30 in Room 111 of Centennial Hall.

The purpose of this support group is to help individuals deal with their feelings in an open and honest manner.

"We want people to know we are there for them and that they aren't alone," Brainard said.

She said that many times children who have grown up in dysfunctional families develop a number of similar characteristics.

"Being in these situations is both a curse and a

blessing," Brainard said. "Characteristics developed are both positive and negative."

Brainard said some of the positive characteristics lead people to become strong-willed, over achievers. When these people are given a job to do, they make sure that it gets done.

Some negative characteristics developed by adult children of alcoholics are low self esteem and problems with alcohol.

Looking forward to May

Choir prepares for busy term, concert finale at Carnegie

by IRIS VERING

Even with Meistersinger Weekend behind them, the Wartburg Choir faces a busy Winter Term and an exciting finale to the year, according to Wartburg Choir President senior Janet Rzepiejewski.

"We're in the middle of building to a climax because people are so excited about tours," Rzepiejewski said. "The beginning of this semester was a good starting point because Christmas With Wartburg was finished and we could concentrate on music for touring."

This winter's touring involves performances in the Midwest including a Feb. 8 on-campus service for Ash Wednesday, a trip to Cedar Rapids on Feb. 19 for a morning performance at First Lutheran Church, another church service on March 12 in Mason City, and a Palm Sunday performance on March 19 at Wartburg.

"People are fired up about touring. The Midwest tour may sound dull, but we'll be singing for a lot of home audiences," Rzepiejewski said.

The choir's final performance of the year will highlight this term: a trip to Carnegie Hall in New York City where Wartburg has the honor of being the first collegiate choir ever to have a solo concert there.

"It's just an experience beyond words. We're all excited and nervous at the same time," Rzepiejewski said.

The choir will rehearse during May Term on a regular basis. Members will leave on May 23 and travel by bus to Chicago where they board a train to New York City. The performance in Carnegie Hall is scheduled for Friday, May 26, at 8 p.m. and includes a number with a professional orchestra.

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Lady Knights thump Loras, Simpson

Title game at Luther Saturday

by MARK ADKINS

Fasten your seat belts, ladies and gentlemen! The Iowa Conference women's basketball league could go right down to the wire.

The Knights of Wartburg and the Norseman of Luther remained deadlocked in a first-place tie going into this week's action. Monica Severson's squad did it with victories over Loras and Simpson this past week.

On Wednesday night, the Duhawks came "a-calling" to Knights Gymnasium to take on Wartburg. The way it looked from the outset, Wartburg was headed for a wide victory over Loras. The Knights took a 15-point lead early in the first half and seemed to be in cruise control. However, late in the half, things took a turn for the worst. Loras peeled off a 14-4 run to make a 30-19 Knight lead change into a 34-33 contest.

The second half turned the game back towards Wartburg. The Knights built a 10-point bulge due to a strong, inside game and good rebounding. The Knights managed to win it, 75-69, as they posted four women in double figures.

Kim Sheda led all scorers with 21 points. Following Sheda were Lisa Uhlenhopp with 18, Krismar Anderson with 14, and Kathy Smith with 10. The Duhawks received an admirable game from Katie Joyce, who pumped in 20 points. Joyce, who normally shoots around 33 percent, had an excellent night from the field missing just one shot.

Severson was a bit dissatisfied in the Knights' defensive effort. Severson said "We didn't play defensive ball well at all tonight. We think since we're at the top that we don't have to play hard. Our

practices haven't been real sharp lately. The girls have to start concentrating on what got them here."

Severson's message took effect against Simpson Saturday night. The Knights ended the season sweep of the Lady Red with a 71-59 win at Indianola. Once again a strong first half performance got the ball rolling for Wartburg. The Knights built a 14-point cushion, according to Beth Warner, and then things took on a mirror-effect of the Loras game.

The Lady Red took advantage of a "letup" by the Knights to make things close at halftime. The Lady Red pulled that 14-point lead down to eight at the close of the half.

Warner said "We simply let up a little and gave them a chance to recover and get back into the game. We had played well early on to build up a good lead but then we went scoreless for about four minutes."

Warner and Severson were in complete agreement that the intensity came back in the second half. Warner said "We played patient offensively and our defense never let them closer than nine the rest of the way."

Severson always likes to have that big road win for her team. She said "It was an important road win for us. We played well the first ten minutes and I was very pleased with the overall performance."

Wartburg, once again, had a quartet of double-figure scorers. This time Smith led the charge with 17 points. Uhlenhopp followed behind with 16, Sheda knocked in 12, and Warner rounded things out with 12 also.

The win put Wartburg's season mark



JUNIOR KIM SHEDA attempts a jumper as Lisa Uhlenhopp and Kris Anderson look on. Craig Gustafson photo.

at 15-3 overall and 8-1 in the conference. The Norse, on the other hand, answered with a sweep over Simpson (83-62) and Upper Iowa (108-54).

This week's slate for Wartburg includes a home match-up with Dubuque and then the trip to Decorah to take on Luther. Severson reminds everyone that they do have a game on Friday.

"We have to be careful and take one

game at a time," she said. "Dubuque gave us a tough battle at their place and they will give us a good test here also. As far as the Luther game goes, I think the pressure is on them. They returned nine of 11 players of off the team that went to the national quarterfinals last year and they are expected to win the conference. All our girls have to do is go up there and play an aggressive game."

Wrestlers regain winning form

The Wartburg wrestling squad avenged two consecutive Iowa Conference losses to defeat conference foe Dubuque, 33-9, and Wisconsin-Whitewater, 24-17, this past week. Earlier in the week, the Knights suffered a disappointing setback to Central, 23-12. The Knights currently rank 11th in the NCAA Division III with a 7-3 mark.

The Knights traveled to Pella on Wednesday to face the 10th-ranked Flying Dutchmen and managed just three victories and a draw. Seniors Jeff Frost, Jack Denholm, and Dean Gavin notched the Knights only victories. Frost used six third-period points in the closing seconds to defeat Mike Koenig, 7-3. Denholm, meanwhile, dominated Terry Huff for a, 10-2, major decision. Gavin defeated Terry Walters, 14-9. The Knights only other team points came from freshman Eric Stotts, who drew with returning national qualifier Chip Beck, 6-6.

Central's Chris Hoffman decisioned Mike Powell, 10-0, at 118; Brad Kreiner decisioned Jerry Ackerman, 9-3, at 134; Steve Weers scored a 16-4 major decision over Jeff Hill; Shaun Van Vark decisioned Matt Rechkemmer, 4-2; Joe Stutting decisioned Jeff Voss, 4-2; and Scott Dierks outpointed Jerad Kruse, 8-0, for a major decision.

"We weren't very aggressive in this meet," Head coach Dick Walker said. "Central managed 20 takedowns, while we only had 7. That's not indicative of good wrestling on our part," Walker added. "We must improve, it's that simple."

Stotts, who drew with Beck at 126, gained appraisal

from Walker. "Eric really wrestled a hard match. Several controversial locking-hands calls may have prevented him from a victory. I'm very pleased with his effort," Walker continued.

The Knights used a make-shift line-up to defeat Dubuque. Powell, Stotts and Corky Anderson won via forfeits, while Dave Handsaker and Mike Crawford won by fall. Freshman Todd Steen was the other grappler to notch a victory.

Handsaker pinned Terry Lonke in 5:39 and Crawford threw Brian Peters in 1:10. Steen decisioned Tim Mauerman, 5-3. Dubuque's Troy Armstrong decisioned Dave Holschlag, 6-0, at 134, Matt Regan edged Steve Walker, 6-4, at 150, and Dwight Wilerson decisioned Chris Anderson, 7-4, at heavyweight.

The Knights traveled to Whitewater, WI, on Saturday to face the 14th-ranked UW-Whitewater Eagles.

The Knight's got three straight technical falls and won a total of five matches to hand the Eagles their first dual loss of the season, 24-17.

Powell started things off on a positive note by defeating Mark Riggs, 8-6, at 118. Stotts tallied a 19-6 major decision over Kevin Mc Givney at 126. Ackerman lost a 5-2 decision to Tony Schaaf at 134, and Frost drew with Bob Heckel 1-1 at 142. The Eagles posted consecutive victories at 150 and 158, as Cory Weiler edged Crawford 11-9 and Rob Llorca pinned Rechkemmer in 3:07.

With Wartburg trailing 14-9 with four matches remaining, seniors Voss, Denholm, and Gavin compiled

three consecutive technical verdicts. Voss won by technical fall over Cullen Carey in 6:41 at 167, Denholm defeating Troy Hauser by the 15-point margin in 6:10 at 177, and Gavin technical falling Dale Stahman at 190 in 5:20. The Eagles', Randy Meyer closed the meet, defeating Kruse, 7-3, at heavyweight.

"After last year's disappointing loss to UW-Whitewater (21-16), we wanted to wrestle better this time around," Walker said. "With the time, length of the trip, and the money we invested in this meet, it was very important for us to wrestle well."

Walker complimented Mike Crawford for his effort despite a 11-9 setback. Crawford, who began the season at 158, dropped to 150 for the dual. "You can see Mike's serious about wrestling," Walker said. "We'll (coaching staff) have to give him serious consideration."

Wartburg travels to Luther for an IIAC dual on Wednesday, and will return to Luther for the All-Lutheran tournament on Saturday.

The Knight's will be defending their title, but stiff competition will be applied by 4th-ranked Augsburg College of Minnesota.

"Augsburg could be the best Division III team in the nation right now," Walker said. "We will have to wrestle very well just to get second. That's how good Augsburg really is."

Luther's vast improvement since the season's beginning has caught Walker's attention. "They have improved dramatically. They've made a great deal of progress."

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Knights knocked off by Duhawks

Bounce back at Simpson

by BRAD TROW

"All good things must come to an end" was the lesson that the eighth-rated Wartburg men's basketball team learned this past Wednesday. The Knights suffered their first Iowa Conference defeat at the hands of the Loras Duhawks, 70-58. However, Buzz Levick's cagers rebounded from the defeat by upending the Simpson Redmen, 93-72, on Saturday.

Wednesday's confrontation with Loras closed out the first half of the Iowa Conference slate. Loras controlled the first twelve minutes of the contest, building up a lead of seven points, 16-9. The Knights then began to come back into the contest with an 11-2 run. This made the score, 20-18, in Wartburg's favor. The half ended with a tie at 22.

The second half started out evenly, with the Knights starting to gain control of the contest. However, a key technical foul on the Wartburg bench slowed the Knights momentum.

The game swung back and forth until Loras went on a 14-4 spree late in the game. For the game, the Duhawks connected on 30 of 34 free throws. The Knights, down the stretch, couldn't get inside of eight points and the game ended, 70-58.

Wartburg was led in scoring by sophomore guard Todd Reinhardt, who had 18. Senior Mike Murphy added 17, while sophomore forward Dan Nettleton

chipped in with 10. Reinhardt said "We let their pressure defense keep us out of the game. They were able to come up with the big plays and keep us out of the game."

Saturday was a different story as Wartburg defeated the Redmen from Simpson for a second time.

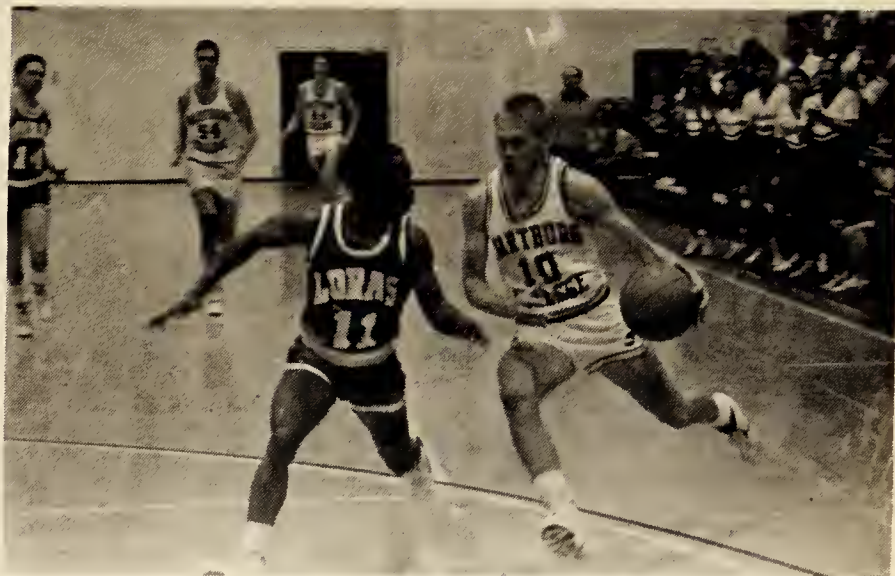
The first half was fairly even as the two teams hit the showers with the Knights leading 39-36. Simpson made things interesting in the first half as they outrebounded the Knights, 17-13.

In the second half, Wartburg ripped down 33 caroms and gained control of the game. Simpson never let the Knights break things open until late in the game.

The Knights, for the game, were seven of nine from the three-point region and had three slam dunks—two from Murphy and one from Mark Olenius. Murphy had another big night as he led all scorers with 25 points. Rich Williamson added 18.

Reinhardt said "We were patient on offense and were able to get the shots we wanted. We didn't let their defense force us into shots that we didn't want to take. Our seniors provided the leadership we needed."

This week, the Knights continue their quest for the Iowa Conference title by visiting Dubuque on Friday and Luther on Saturday in a crucial showdown. Reinhardt said "If we can get a couple of road victories, we can put the pressure on the teams behind us."



SENIOR RICHIE WILLIAMSON drives one a Loras defender. Craig Gustafson photo.

Tracksters start early

by MARK ADKINS

Just when you think you have your sports seasons figured out, another sport starts up. Coach Bob O'Brien and his men's and women's track squads competed on Saturday to signify the start of the indoor track season. The women competed in the UNI Open at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls, while the men ventured to Cornell to take part in the Hilltop Striders Open.

On the women's side of things, the Knights had six top 6 finishes in the meet. Leading the pack for Wartburg was Lisa Ness. Ness finished third in the high jump as she sailed over the 4 foot, 11 and three-quarter inch mark.

Sue Chapman followed Ness as she placed fourth in the 55 meters and sixth in the 200 meters. Chapman picked up times of 7.69 seconds and 28.3 seconds, respectively. Angie Heilman picked a fifth-place finish for O'Brien as she finished one-hundredth of a second behind Chapman in the 55 meters.

Amy Arjes rounded out the top 6 finishes as she nailed sixth place in the 400 meters. Arjes picked up the sixth spot with a time of 68.1 seconds.

On the overall scene, UNI and Northeast Missouri State each had their share of winners. The Bearcats picked up six first-place finishes while the Panthers had three. The Simpson Lady Reds also came through with three first-place finishes in the meet.

The men, on the other hand, traveled to Mount Vernon to participate in the Cornell meet. The Knights had a winner on the day also. Kori Stoffregren, fresh off of his All-American honors in cross-country, won the mile for Wartburg. Stoffregren,

with his 4:06.19 winning time, finished fifteen-hundredths of a second ahead of Dave Claranhan of Iowa Wesleyan.

Tony Harris, Mike Backus, and Bob Howie also finished in that top 6 area. Harris picked up a sixth-place finish in the 55 meters with a time of 7.16 seconds. Harris and Backus both placed in the 600 meters. Harris nudged out Backus for third place with a time of 1:26.16 with Backus coming in at 1:26.26.

Howie rounded out the running events for the Knights with a fifth-place finish in the 800 meters. Howie, with a time of 2:01.2 finished just two-tenths of a second behind John Merkhham of Augustana for fourth place. Brad Thomson also had a fourth-place finish in the 5000 meters. Thomson ended with a time of 16:12.49.

In the field event area, the Knights had two place-winners in the high jump. Russ Roquet picked up second in the event with a jump of six feet, four inches. Terry Allen finished fifth with a leap of six foot, two inches. Roquet finished behind Brent Shavers of Simpson in the event.

O'Brien said "It was a good learning experience for the kids. I was pleased with both meets and the way things went. We needed some competition for our kids and I think we got it."

The Knight track squads have two meets this weekend. On Friday, the men travel to Cedar Falls for their division of the UNI Open. The women also head back to the Dome for another meet on Friday. On Saturday, both teams host the annual alumni meet at the Physical Education Complex.



A FLYING MIKE MURPHY tries a running layup against Loras. The Knights went on to lose their first conference game, 70-58. Craig Gustafson photo.

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Buckle Up For Spring Break '89

Reaching his dream

Mirs accepted in flight school

by CeCe Reading

Childhood dreams are often pondered; yet seldom are such dreams lived. For Brian Mirs, recent Wartburg December graduate and Waverly resident, his dreams are coming true.

Ever since grade school Mirs dreamed of flying fighter jets. Often, "I would look out a classroom window and watch a jet go by," Mirs said. Although Mirs is not yet flying fighter jets he is on his way. Prior to graduation Mirs was accepted in the United States Navy Aviation Officer's Candidate School, (AOCS), in Pensacola, FA, where he will receive training in Naval Aviation. Mirs will compete with other candidates for the opportunity to fly jets, especially fighter jets. Although competition will be stiff, Mirs feels he has an advantage because he has been flying single-engine planes since 1983.

Attending AOCS is part of fulfilling his dream, "an ultimate goal that some people never have the chance or ability to do," Mirs said. One aspect to accomplishing his goal is long-term planning, the key to his success so far. During his senior year of high school he began mapping out the journey by which he would achieve his dream.

According to Mirs, his strategy to reach his goal of flying fighter jets involved some short-term goals: obtaining a private pilot's license, graduating from a four-year college and joining the military. As if like clock work Mirs has accomplished these short-term goals.

In the Fall of 1983 Mirs began taking private flight lessons at Waterloo Municipal Airport. According to Mirs, during his first instructional flight he was nervous and excited. Nonetheless he was allowed to pilot the plane, an '83 Skipper. That clinched his future "Flying got in my blood," he said. Having flown a plane once, Mirs said, "I had to go flying as much as I could."

Despite the high risks of flying, Mirs did not inform his father, Frank Mirs. Mirs wanted to surprise his father and also prove that he could do something entirely on his own.

In order to receive his license Mirs had to have 40 hours of instructional flight time at \$50 per hour and pass the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) test with a minimum score of 80 percent. For Mirs, the process of obtaining his license required numerous hours of aeronautical studying and the income of several part-time jobs, combined with his college academic program.

During his first training, Mirs had several flight instructors. John Michaelson, Niederhauser charter pilot and flight instructor, was one that became a mentor and a friend. Mirs believes Michaelson gave him many insights to flying in addition to teaching him one of the most difficult aspects of piloting: instruments and how to constantly scan the instrument panel. Michaelson also has a high respect for Mirs "Brian is one of the better students I have ever flown. He is a natural pilot," he said.

After many instructional hours Mirs was required to do a solo flight. Looking back Mirs recalls feelings of freedom and power that he experienced during the flight.

Once he became a licensed private pilot Mirs began to fly for enjoyment. If he was having a bad day or just felt like being alone he would "go up and fly around," he said.

On occasion Mirs has flown to Des Moines for Iowa vs. Iowa State games, taking friends as passenger. And he has even flown dates to dinner in Minneapolis.

However, Mirs prefers to fly alone. During one solo leisure flight, Mirs said he flew side-by-side with an eagle. Such flights have given him a feeling of peace. He has even felt "closer to God," he said.

Mirs, like many other pilots, holds the poem *High Flight* by John Gillespie Macgee close to heart. For Mirs, the last line is especially meaningful; "And with silent, lifting mind I've trod, the high untrespassed sanctity of space, I put out my hand and touched the face of God."

At Wartburg Mirs majored in Sociology. As an alumnus he hopes to follow in the footsteps of Steve Gahler, 1973 Wartburg graduate and Waverly resident, who is



MOVE OVER, PETE MITCHELL! - Future "Top Gun" pilot Mirs is ready for some action.

currently Top Gun Executive Commanding Officer, one of the highest ranking aviation positions in the military.

Knowing that his dream is becoming reality, Mirs is dreaming of breaking the sound barrier. Mirs said, "I want to fly jets. I want to go fast; punch a hole in the sky."



PERFORMING PRE-FLIGHT EXERCISES - December 1988 graduate Brian Mirs sits behind control panel of Turbo Arrow.

High Flight

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of sun-split-clouds and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung
high in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air...
Up, up the long delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,
Where never lark or even eagle flew—
And while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

-John Magee

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